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OUTAGE

Public servants couldn't log in to see their payroll info

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

After months of problems, the federal government's Phoenix pay system experienced an outage Tuesday morning that prevented employees from logging in.

Public servants across all departments were unable to log in to the Compensation Web Application to view their pay information. Wednesday is pay day for federal government workers, prompting concerns from a few people who were trying to access their information Tuesday morning.

"Work to back up data was performed over the weekend and caused a storage space issue, which affected the Phoenix and Pension applications," said Public Service and Procurement Canada spokeswoman Anne Trépannier.

Trépannier confirmed the system was down for around four hours, but Shared Services Canada began working on a fix immediately after the problem was identified. Both applications are now running normally. Trépannier noted the issue was not with Phoenix, but the servers that provide access to Phoenix.

"As with the operation of any major IT system, occasional interruptions in service are expected," she said. "This incident will not affect employees scheduled to receive a payment tomorrow."

The problem-plagued pay system has affected approximately 80,000 employees. Some have been overpaid, some underpaid and some not paid at all.

On Monday, auditor general Michael Ferguson agreed to investigate how the government's attempt to modernize the outdated system went wrong.

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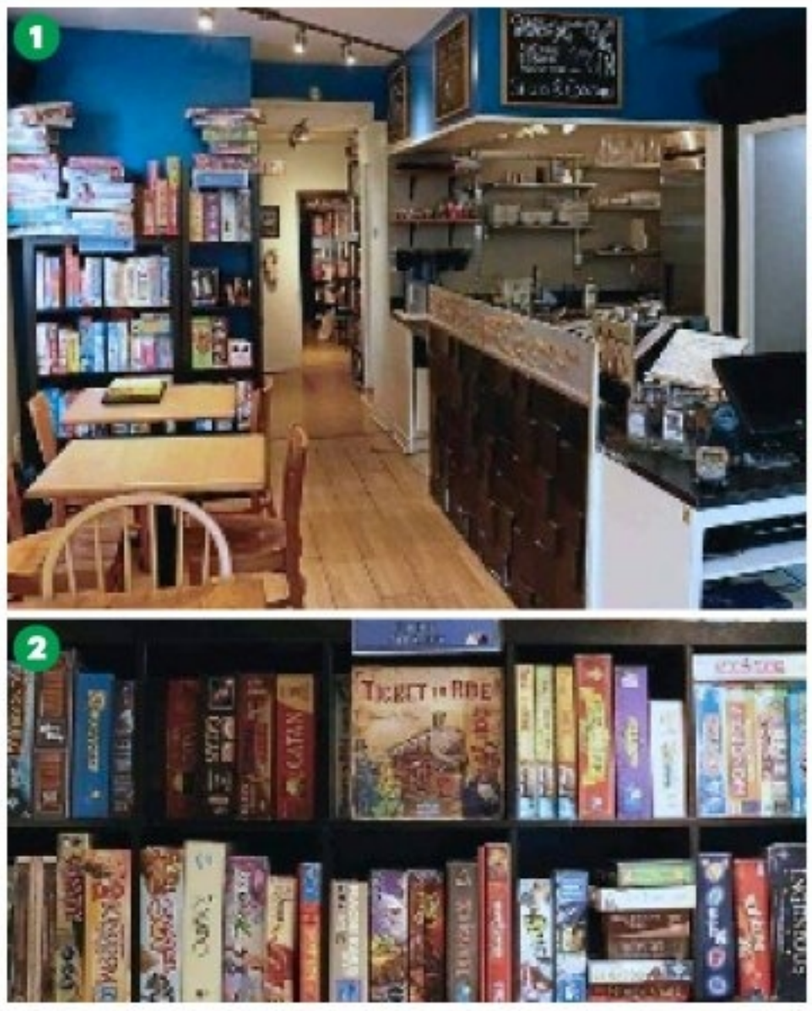
UN chief unleashes frustration at leaders who keep 'feeding the war machine.' **World**



1 Inside the Monopolatte café on Somerset Street.

2 Assorted board games are stacked on Monopolatte's shelves.

3 The board game café also provided some old school classics.

4 Jess Vale, a Monopolatte employee, laughs as she plays a board game with her colleague.

5 Jess Vale places the robber down as she plays Settlers of Catan.

6 Bruce Narbaitz makes a move against Jess Vale as they play Settlers of Catan.

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Game over for Monopolatte

BUSINESS

City's first board game café closes after 3 years

Evelyn Harford
For Metro | Ottawa

Ottawa's first-ever board game café, Monopolatte on Somerset Street, is set to close after three years in business.

It was after much thought and sadness that owner, David Narbaitz, announced his decision to shut down the café in a late night Facebook post over the weekend.

Narbaitz said the business just wasn't making enough money to pay his workers fairly, or consistently pay him. And though Narbaitz is only breaking even with his first business venture, he's still happy he did it.

> What started out as customers have become really great friends. I'm going to miss that. David Narbaitz

"There're so many people who have gotten so much joy out of this place," he said. "When you bring a table a game they've never heard of before and they spend the next hour and a half just laughing their head off you're like, 'I just made their life a little bit better.'"

Narbaitz said customers and staff are sad to see the place close but they know it's for the best.

"Monopolatte ceased to be a business a long time ago and started to be more of a family," he said. "What started out as customers have become really great friends. I'm going to miss that about Monopolatte."

Aside from getting people excited about board games, Narbaitz's goal with Monopolatte was to have a business where he could pay his workers a living wage and give them benefits — but that never became an economic reality. It was one of the main reasons why Narbaitz made the tough, but necessary, choice to shut the doors.

In total, nine staff will lose their jobs, including Narbaitz who plans to pursue a career in renewable energy, as a mechanical engineer — something he's always wanted to do.

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Beau's backs Rwanda brewpub

BREWING

Partners with entrepreneur for craft beer project

Haley Ritchie
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Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime — but teach a woman to brew a tasty Canadian-style beer and you'll create a whole lot of jobs.

That's the idea behind a new women-owned and operated brewery inspired by Beau's All Natural that plans to become the first to serve craft beer in Rwanda's capital, Kigali.

Rwandan entrepreneur and experienced restaurant owner Josephine "Fina" Uwineza is the woman behind the project. Funding help and training will come from the Vankleek Hill-based Beau's team.

When it opens, the brewpub will offer tastings and local beer to take home. The brews will be made with as many local ingredients as possible from nearby co-ops that provide employment for women.

"My vision is to impact ladies and help them understand the industry, give them skills and empower them to grow their own materials," Uwineza said.

Beau's team, from left, CEO Steve Beauchesne, Rwandan entrepreneur Fina Uwineza, Beau's CFO Tanya Beimers, Beau's Creative Director Jordan Bamforth. COURTESY BRENDAN COUTTS

> **We're really going to make sure this thing gets off the ground.**
> Steve Beauchesne

Beau's founder Steve Beauchesne said the beer market in the country is similar to Canada's 30 years ago — while people consume beer at pubs and at home, there are no Rwandan-owned breweries.

Right now, the two most popular beers in the country are the Nigerian dark ale Turbo King and Heineken-owned Primus lager.

Beauchesne said the idea to support the brewery was originally brought forward to the Ontario Craft Brewers Association. The association passed on it, but he was still interested and connected with Toronto-based Nancy Coldham of CG Group, who connected him with Uwineza.

Earlier this year, the Beau's team travelled to Rwanda to get an "on the ground" idea of how feasible the project was. They looked at everything from government regulations to agriculture — and, of course, beer.

No money from the brewery will flow back to Beau's or corporate partners. Instead Beauchesne sees it as a legacy project, continuing their tradition of helping local craft breweries on a global scale.

"We're asking lots of different people to contribute a little bit. Where Beau's comes in is whatever doesn't come in through the outreach programs, we're on the hook for it," he said. "We're really going to make sure this thing gets off the ground."

HYDRO RATES

Crowd boos premier

Premier Kathleen Wynne got booed at the International Plowing Match over hydro rates. The plowing match, held in Minto this year, is of such importance for rural Ontario that the parliament suspends sitting for two days so party leaders and members of the legislature can attend.

In a speech during the opening ceremonies, Wynne mentioned hydro rates and there was a large chorus of boos from the crowd and one woman shouted, "liar!"

After losing a byelection in east Toronto earlier this month, Wynne acknowledged growing anger in the province over rising hydro rates. She announced an eight-per-cent rebate for ratepayers, equal to the provincial portion of the harmonized sales tax on bills.

During the opening parade at the plowing match several onlookers booed the Liberal float as it went by, saying Wynne has ignored their energy concerns for too long.

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Bridge can be saved: Advocates

SAFETY

Residents hope Prince of Wales crossing can be redeveloped

Emma Jackson
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The Prince of Wales bridge may yet be saved, if a group of advocates has its way.

Aileen Duncan said she hopes the city will still consider redevelopment for the interprovincial rail bridge over the Ottawa River, which was closed off with chain-link gates on Tuesday.

"Now that the city doesn't have to worry about liability, we can start planning for the future," said Duncan, who created the Ottawa Rail Bridge Project this summer after the city announced it would be cracking down on trespassers.

"There's room to explore alternative ways of making use of the space," Duncan said.

The city bought the bridge in 2005 aiming to create an interprovincial transit link between Ottawa and Gatineau.

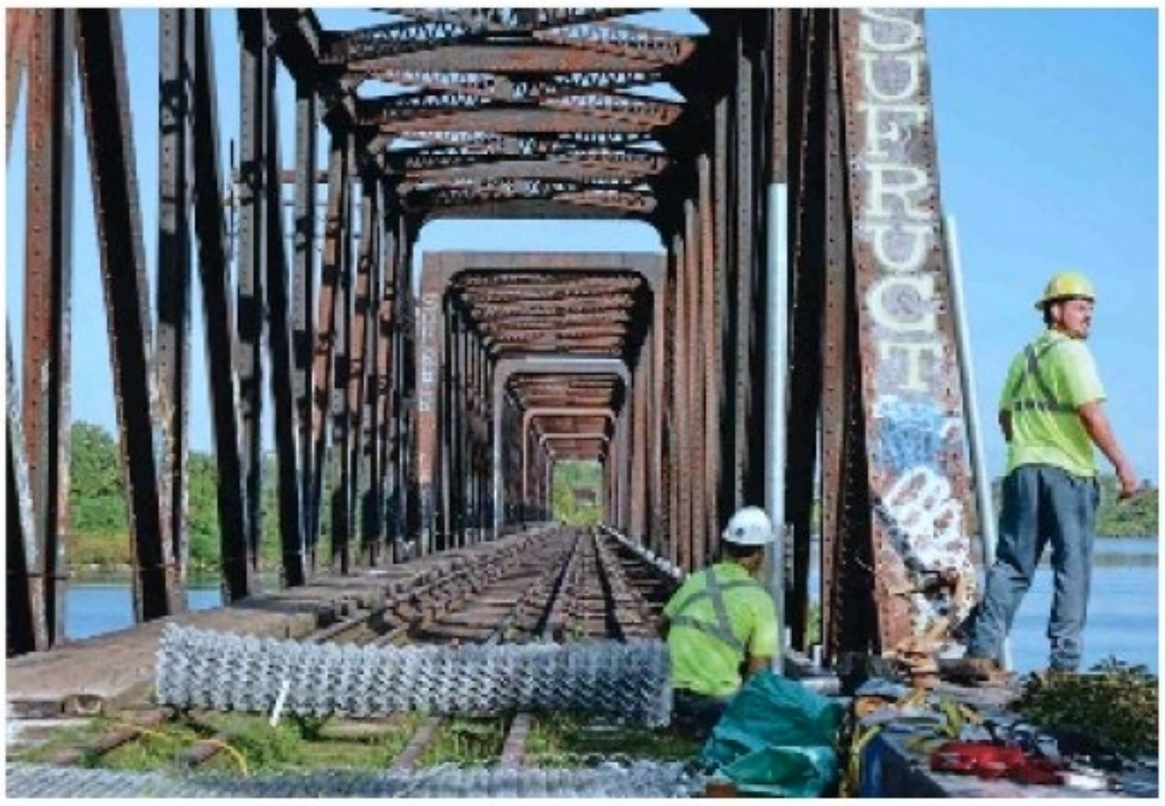
In the meantime, the city had planned to convert the bridge into a multi-use pathway, splitting the $10.5-million cost with the NCC and city of Gatineau.

But when a deal couldn't be reached, the city's $2.7-million reserve was transferred to the Fifth-Clegg footbridge project.

The lack of proper facilities didn't stop residents from illegally using the bridge to cross the river, watch the sunset or catch fireworks on Canada Day.

It was an accident waiting to happen, the city said, and in August the municipality revealed it would spend $250,000 to erect steel barriers on both ends.

Councillors and residents alike were appalled by the price tag, and, in the end, the city opted to instead install chain-link fences and new no-trespassing signs at a cost of only $46,000.



Workers install fencing at the Prince of Wales rail bridge near Bayview station Tuesday morning. EMMA JACKSON/METRO

Kitchissippi Coun. Jeff Leiper said he's pleased at the "more reasonable approach."

Of course, the new barriers are by no means trespass-proof., but Leiper urged residents to leave the wire cutters at home.

"If residents start making holes in the fence … they will put up that much more expensive gate," Leiper said.

CONCERT

Downie honours dead boy

Gord Downie is set to play at the National Arts Centre as part of the Secret Path project, honouring a 12-year-old indigenous boy, Chanie Wenjack, who died of hunger and exposure fleeing residential school 50 years ago.

The Oct. 18 show will feature new music from Downie inspired by young Wenjack, whose story deeply impacted the Hip's frontman.

"Chanie haunts me. His story is Canada's story. This is about Canada," said Downie in a statement about the project announced Tuesday. "The next hundred years are going to be painful as we come to know Chanie Wenjack and thousands like him — as we find out about ourselves, about all of us — but only when we do can we truly call ourselves, Canada."

Tickets for the show will go on sale Sept. 23.

EVELYN HARFORD / FOR METRO

Chanie haunts me. His story is Canada's story.
Name of person

ENVIRONMENT

Water activist urges 'blue consciousness'

Evelyn Harford
For Metro | Ottawa

Canadian activist and writer Maude Barlow says Ottawa —as a symbol for the rest of the country — ought to get serious about protecting its water.

Barlow, national chair of the Council of Canadians, was in Ottawa on Tuesday to speak about her latest book, which urges Canadians to act to stop what she sees as the country's water crisis.

Ottawa is surrounded by beautiful waterways — including the Rideau and Ottawa rivers — but Barlow says all that water can create the false notion that we have an endless supply of fresh water.

"We need to pressure our governments, locally provincially and federally to bring in strict laws to protect our waterways," she said.

She points to the proposed Energy East pipeline, which would cross the Rideau River near Highway 416, as well as this summer's drought and the frighteningly colourful display of blue-green algae, known to produce toxins, in the Rideau Canal a couple of weeks ago.

She says they are obvious, poignant examples of pressing water issues.

She said the City of Ottawa should do more to educate people about its waterways. She also says bottled water should be banned on municipal property, at city council meetings and at city events.

Barlow says she would like to see Ottawa become one of the Council of Canadians' "blue communities" and name itself as a municipality that wants to proactively protect water as a human right.

"It's consciousness that's missing," said Barlow.

"It took a long time to get that green consciousness … and we're just beginning to get that blue consciousness, but when we do people get very excited about it."

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Pride sorry for past 'racism'

ADVOCACY

LGBTQ group issues apology to Black Lives Matter

The organizers of Toronto's Pride Parade have issued a wide-ranging apology for what they describe as a "history of racism and marginalization."

Pride Toronto says its "history of anti-blackness" and "repeated marginalization of the marginalized" has deepened divisions within the LGBTQ community.

The organization apologized for this history and pledged to follow through on promises made to the Toronto chapter of the Black Lives Matter movement.

The group temporarily halted Toronto's Pride Parade in July to issue a series of demands that included more funding and better representation for racialized communities during Pride events.

It also called for a ban on police floats in future parades, though stressed that individual officers identifying as LGBTQ would be welcome.

People from the Black Lives Matter sit on the ground to halt the annual Pride Parade, in Toronto on July 3. The organizers of Toronto's Pride Parade have issued a wide-ranging apology for what they describe as a "history of racism and marginalization."

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The parade resumed about half an hour later when Pride's then-executive director Matthieu Chantelois signed the list of demands, but later told the media that he only did it so he could get the event moving again.

Chantelois resigned about a month later amid allegations of racism and harassment in the workplace.

In Tuesday's apology, Pride said community members had made statements that did not represent the organization and stressed its commitment to following through on its pledges to Black Lives Matter.

It also apologized for the fraught history between the organization and some marginalized groups.

"Pride Toronto knew that for many years, the black queer community has had to fight for their rightful place in the Pride festival, fight for space, fight for recognition and fight for support," reads the apology posted on the Pride website.

"…So, when we received these demands, we understood that they are reflective of a long and difficult history between Pride and black queer communities, but now also understand them to be reflective of our current efforts, or lack thereof, to improve relationships with Pride's black community, and other marginalized communities. For this lack of understanding, effort to address historic wrongs, and repetition of past mistakes, we are sorry." THE CANADIAN PRESS

> **"For many years the black queer community has had to fight for their rightful place in the Pride festival.**
>
> Apology on Pride website

IN BRIEF

Racist posters on campus spark outcry

The University of Alberta stated it removed 12 of the posters found on the campus on Monday, including one at the university's main library.

The posters feature a picture of a Sikh man, profanity about turbans and a statement calling on people from third-world cultures to leave Canada.

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Unarmed peacekeepers may be sent to Colombia

Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan's office has confirmed that sending unarmed observers to Colombia is one of the options being considered as the government decides where to deploy upwards of 600 Canadian peacekeepers.

The Colombian government and Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, the guerrilla group widely known as FARC, agreed to a peace agreement last month, ending 50 years of fighting.

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CITIZENSHIP

Passport deadline extended

In the wake of a public outcry, Ottawa has extended the grace period of its new travel requirement for Canadian dual citizens.

The federal government was to demand all air travellers who are citizens of Canada and another country be required to carry a Canadian passport as of Sept. 30.

However, many travellers complained they were blindsided by the new measures and would not be able to acquire a Canadian passport in time for their immediate travels.

On Tuesday, Immigration Minister John McCallum announced the implementation date would be postponed until Nov. 10.

"In consultation with airline partners, we're taking further steps to minimize any travel disruption," said McCallum. "We're extending the leniency period and doing another major information blitz in Canada and abroad to encourage affected travellers to plan ahead and get the necessary travel documents before they book a flight to Canada." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

Grassy Narrows needs help, chief says

The chief of the Grassy Narrows First Nation in northern Ontario says the federal and provincial governments must help his community overcome the effects of mercury poisoning. Chief Simon Fobister Sr. said along with health impacts, there was social and economic devastation when Grassy Narrows lost the basis for its economy when the fishery was shut down in the 1970s because of mercury poisoning. THE CANADIAN PRESS

What is the alternative? To exploit anxiety? To turn it into fear and blame? To reject others because they look, or speak, or pray differently than we do?
Prime Minister
Justin Trudeau

PM Justin Trudeau delivers a speech at the General Debate of the 71st Session of the UN General Assembly in New York on Tuesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Trudeau's first UN speech rejects politics of 'anxiety'

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

World leaders take aim at Trumpism, call for unity

Justin Trudeau's first speech to the United Nations General Assembly included some less-than-subtle references to the politics practiced by people like Donald Trump, in a year where populist nationalism has made gains in different countries.

The prime minister never mentioned any names, yet warned three times in his speech about politicians who exploit anxiety for personal gain. Politicians have a choice to make, Trudeau said: stoke public angst because it works for them politically, or try alleviating it with policies that improve people's lives.

He cast his government's spending-heavy program as the latter — with an infrastructure plan that he's convinced will create middle-class jobs.

"What is the alternative?" Trudeau asked. "To exploit anxiety? To turn it into fear and blame? To reject others because they look, or speak, or pray differently than we do?"

His message was similar to that of Barack Obama. Before Trudeau delivered his first UN address, the U.S. president gave his last. Obama defended globalization; derided walls between nations; and encouraged policies that allow working people to experience the benefits of the global economy.

Trudeau and Obama didn't discuss their speeches beforehand. One official said any similarities simply stemmed from coincidence and a shared worldview.

That level of agreement was illustrated later in the day during a discussion on refugees, where Obama saluted Trudeau: "I want to personally thank Chancellor Merkel and Prime Minister Trudeau and the people of both those countries … it's the right thing to do." THE CANADIAN PRESS

A HISTORY OF SPONSORSHIP

Trudeau has been in New York this week to address the UN, where much of the buzz has been about Canada's intake of Syrian refugees. Here are come things to know about the system:

- **1946-1962:** Canada admitted nearly a quarter of a million refugees who were privately sponsored.
- **1976:** Canada tabled a new Immigration Act in 1976 which, for the first time, recognized refugees as a special class of immigrants. It entrenched the definition of a convention refugee, created a refugee determination system, provided for admission on humanitarian grounds of designated classes of people and enabled the private sponsorship of refugees.
- **2015**: the Syrian civil war had produced a surge of millions of refugees and their plight became a Canadian election issue. The Trudeau Liberals pledged to bring in 25,000 by the end of the year. They fell short of that goal, but made it up in 2016.

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Leaders have 'blood on their hands'

Taking the world stage for the last time as secretary general, Ban Ki-moon unleashed years of pent-up anger at leaders who keep "feeding the war machine" in Syria, violate human rights and prevent aid deliveries to starving people. The UN chief told presidents, prime ministers, monarchs and ministers at the opening of General Assembly's meeting that "powerful patrons" on both sides in the more than five-year Syrian conflict "have blood on their hands." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon railed Tuesday against leaders who keep "feeding the war machine" in Syria as he bowed out of the world stage, while President Barack Obama said there was no military solution to the five-year conflict and described a globe in the throes of a contest between authoritarianism and democracy.

Both Ban and Obama were making their final speeches at the annual gathering of world leaders at the United Nations. They did so against a backdrop of mounting bloodshed and a failing cease-fire in Syria, escalating attacks around the world by Islamic extremists, and millions of people fleeing fighting and poverty.

The UN chief, whose 10-year period at the helm of the unwieldy world body ends Dec. 31, vented his pent-up frustration with uncharacteristic candour, telling the opening of the General Assembly's annual ministerial meeting that "powerful patrons" on both sides in the Syrian conflict — which he did not identify — "have blood on their hands."

"Present in this hall today are representatives of governments that have ignored, facilitated, funded, participated in or even planned and carried out atrocities inflicted by all sides of the Syria conflict against Syrian civilians," he said.

But Ban blamed the Syrian government for the most deaths. He said it was continuing to drop barrel bombs on neighbourhoods and torture thousands of detainees. Syria's Foreign Ministry condemned Ban's address and contended that the UN had failed to resolve any conflicts on his watch.

Ban spoke as the U.S., Russia and more than a dozen other countries attempted to resurrect a week-old truce, and Washington and Moscow argued over who was responsible for an attack Monday on an aid convoy that killed some 20 civilians that the UN chief denounced as a "sickening, savage and apparently deliberate attack."

The Syrian conflict has killed as many as half-million people, contributed to Europe's worst refugee crisis since World War II and allowed Daesh to emerge as a global threat.

Ban also criticized authoritarian and undemocratic tendencies among world leaders bent on clinging to power.

But he also noted positive global developments during his decade as the UN chief. He cited the rise of "people power" with mobile phones that now blanket the world, reductions in poverty, political transitions in Myanmar and Sri Lanka, and the ceasefire agreement in Colombia.

Countries, companies make pledges to help

World leaders gathered at the UN pledged Tuesday to take in 360,000 refugees next year, President Barack Obama said, roughly doubling the previous year's allowance.

The United States said 52 countries taking part in a U.S.-led summit were stepping up to accelerate resettlement and boost financial support for refugees. The White House did not release a full list of participating countries or a breakdown of their pledges, making Obama's boast of major headway impossible to confirm.

Private companies were stepping up, too. The White House said more than four dozen U.S. businesses had pledged $650 million, including Facebook, Twitter, MasterCard, Johnson & Johnson and yogurt maker Chobani.

The commitments announced Tuesday fell far short of what aid groups say is needed. Some 65 million people around the world have fled their homes.

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Donald Trump Jr.
This image says it all. Let's end the politically correct agenda that doesn't put America first. #trump2016
If I had a bowl of skittles and I told you just three would kill you. Would you take a handful?
That's our Syrian refugee problem.

The tweet posted Monday by Donald Trump Jr. in which he compares Syrian refugees to a bowl of poisoned Skittles.
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Trump tweet not so sweet

U.S. CAMPAIGN

Son likens Syrian refugees to poisoned Skittles

Donald Trump Jr. has posted a message on Twitter likening Syrian refugees to a bowl of poisoned Skittles.

Seeking to promote his father's presidential campaign, the younger Trump posted a tweet featuring a bowl of the candy Skittles with a warning.

"If I had a bowl of skittles and I told you just three would kill you, would you take a handful?" said the tweet on the verified @DonaldTrumpJr handle. "That's our Syrian refugee problem," said the post, which caused a stir and negative tweets on the internet into Tuesday.

Trump Jr.'s tweet said, "This image says it all. Let's end the politically correct agenda that doesn't put America first."

His father has advocated sharply restraining immigration and has accused opponent Hillary Clinton of advocating acceptance of tens of thousands of refugees.

Skittles' parent company, Wrigley Americas, distanced itself from the tweet with a terse response opposing Trump Jr.'s premise.

"Skittles are candy. Refugees are people. We don't feel it's an appropriate analogy," Vice-President of Corporate Affairs Denise Young said in the statement. "We will respectfully refrain from further commentary as anything we say could be misinterpreted as marketing."

Trump Jr.'s tweet repeats an analogy that has been on the internet for years, using M&Ms and other foods, and targeting a variety of groups.

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MEXICO

Cannon on van used to lob drugs into U.S.

Drug smugglers employ very creative methods to get their loads across the U.S.-Mexico border. But it's not every day they use a van outfitted with a 10-foot air cannon to shoot projectiles into the United States.

Mexican police said they found such a van parked on a street in Agua Prieta, along the border with Douglas, Arizona.

Images provided by the Mexican police show the black van with hole cut in its roof with a cannon in the back of the van that could fire projectiles.

U.S. Border Patrol spokesman Vicente Paco said Tuesday high-pressure air cannons can launch heavier marijuana packages weighing 60 pounds. The Border Patrol has also seen the use of trebuchets, a catapult-type launcher that can be crafted from wood.

Smugglers have even used heavy equipment and ladders to hoist trucks loaded with marijuana over the border fence.

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NEW YORK CITY

Suspect charged with planting explosives

Bombing suspect Ahmad Khan Rahami was charged Tuesday with planting a series of explosives in New York and New Jersey, including one that injured more than two dozen people when it blew up on a busy Manhattan street.

A federal criminal complaint was unsealed Tuesday as more details emerged about the Afghan-born U.S. citizen's past, including the disclosure that the FBI had looked into him in 2014 but came up with nothing.

Before the federal charges were filed, Rahmani, 28, was already being held on $5.2 million bail, charged with the attempted murder of police officers during the shootout that led to his capture Monday outside a bar in Linden, New Jersey.

It wasn't clear whether Rahami had a lawyer who could comment on the charges. He remained hospitalized with gunshot wounds to the leg, forearm and shoulder.

The FBI's 2014 inquiry began after his father expressed concerns his son might be a terrorist, law enforcement officials said Tuesday.

During the inquiry, the father backed away from talk of terrorism and told investigators that he simply meant his son was hanging out with the wrong crowd, including gang members, and acting like a thug, the officials said.

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+ RAHAMI

- Ahmad Khan Rahami, 28, a U.S. citizen born in Afghanistan, remained hospitalized Tuesday after surgery for a gunshot wound to his leg.
- Rahami was captured in Linden, New Jersey, after he was discovered sleeping in the doorway of a bar.

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EMMA TEITEL ON SOCIAL BRANDING

Personal brands are no longer solely the business of celebrities or real estate agents. They are the business of us all — especially who are looking for a job.

A few days ago I was in the process of posting a dorky family photo to my wife Ella's Instagram account when she stopped me dead in my cyber-tracks.

"Don't post that," she said. "It's off brand."

"Off brand," I asked? "What brand?"

"My personal brand," she said.

We have been together almost a decade but for some reason I had no idea that all this time, she was curating a "personal brand" on social media.

"I call it art-cute," she told me. (Not to be confused with art-brut, French for "Outsider Art").

What does this mean? In her own words: "Artsy photographs with a lot of emoticons in the captions."

I asked Ella if I had a personal brand and she said that beyond my column-writing persona (young-ish, gay Canadian), my social media presence needed serious work. "It's just random photos of friends and strangers' dogs," she said. "There's no discernible theme."

I don't care, I told her.

But it turns out, I should.

Unfortunately, Ella is onto something. Personal brands are no longer solely the business of celebrities or real estate agents; they are the business of us all. And I'm not just referring to people in the media or public relations professions, but to anyone at any age and in any industry — especially if he or she is looking for a job.

It's no mystery that employers often investigate the social media presence of job candidates, but this practice has become so routine in recent years that for some bosses, it demands the special care of a professional service.

BRAND K Kim Kardashian definitely knows what her social media presence is all about. Do you? Does your employer? INSTAGRAM

Enter The Social Index, an Australian startup that helps employers determine a job candidate's social media persona and influence. The company, which launched this year and plans to expand to the U.K. soon, scours the public Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn profiles of a job candidate and produces a report — or in the company's own words, a "core analysis" — summarizing the person's online presence.

According to managing director Fiona McLean, the company's "core analyses" show employers how job candidates "represent" themselves online, and ensure "that appropriate online behaviours are evident." Of course, if those "appropriate behaviours" aren't evident, it lets them know that too.

But the company's role goes beyond flagging offensive or illegal content. It also tracks how influential a job candidate is: how many followers they have and how many people their posts reach.

McLean says The Social Index obtains job candidates' consent when it conducts its investigations. But the service does pose a lot of thorny ethical questions. Such as: if a job seeker makes political statements on Facebook or Twitter that don't align with their potential employer's views, can The Social Index relay this information to the employer?

McLean says no — that The Social Index only relays "relevant" professional information to employers and as a result, reduces bias. But "relevant information" might mean many different things to many different people.

For example: "Bob Smith Tweeted 3,600 times yesterday," might be music to some bosses' ears but it's also likely to be misery to others'.

What's troubling Is the likelihood that these services will slowly erode the fun of social media

In the end, what's troubling about The Social Index, and similar social media investigative startups that are likely to launch in years to come, isn't that they are invading our privacy.

On the contrary, the content that the Social Index accesses is 100 per cent public.

What's troubling, rather, is the likelihood that these services will slowly erode the fun of social media itself. Having a distinct personality or a weird, albeit totally inoffensive presence on Instagram (like for example, Ella's "art-cute") is as of now, not a bad thing.

You can be a lawyer who tweets about baseball, an IT specialist who hates Justin Trudeau, or a columnist who loves Kernel's Popcorn. Sure, your boss may check in every once in a while to see what you're up to but unless you're a teacher or a political operative, as long as you're not espousing hate or breaking the law, you're probably okay.

But in the future of the The Social Index, a future where employers hire agencies to write detailed reports about job candidates' online activity, you'd be foolish not to mould your personal brand into something bland, mainstream and easily palatable. And you'd be hesitant, I suspect, to post anything interesting or offbeat at all.

The irony in this is that while companies like the Social Index exist to encourage transparency and reveal truths about the job candidates they are investigating, they are likely to achieve exactly the opposite: that is, a working world in which employers know less about the people they are hiring than ever before.

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Grits taking losses where they expected wins

Paul Wells

Everyone suspected the return of Parliament would provide a bumpy ride for a Liberal government still enjoying sustained popularity nearly a year after the election.

The surprise is that the turbulence has set in so quickly.

Let's look at two strengths the Trudeau Liberals thought they had, and one weakness they knew would plague them. All have conspired to make the first half of their week lousy.

First, the weakness. "Entitlement is our kryptonite," a senior Liberal told me eight months before last year's federal election. Liberals know Canadians grow weary of them when they act as though they have always been in power, will always be in power, and are frankly impatient with the short interludes when Canadians elect someone else.

So it must have stung when Global News reported on Tuesday that a single unidentified staffer in the Prime Minister's Office billed taxpayers $126,669.56 in moving costs to relocate to Ottawa. A second charged $80,382.55.

That's a lot of kryptonite.

It's one thing when Liberals get criticized for spending money. To some extent, every government faces the same steady stream of flak from the opposition benches, and there is no way the Liberals can positively gain voter support through ostentatious displays of frugality. It's quite another matter when the Liberals take criticism, some of it richly earned, on issues they thought would be winners for them. The week's most spectacular example is climate change.

To some extent, what's happened is that Catherine McKenna, the rookie environment minister, has been slow to learn the cost of over-promising. When she got her job last autumn, she was eager to proclaim that the carbon-reduction targets set by the Conservatives were a minimum.

She has since realized that this government will be lucky to come anywhere close to meeting Harper's targets. The belated backtracking began over the weekend. The hard work lies ahead. The damage on the Liberals' environmental left could be long-lasting. Green Party leader Elizabeth May called McKenna's backtracking "nothing short of a disaster for the climate."

The second area where considerable effort from Trudeau seems to be paying exceedingly modest dividends is on his much-vaunted reconciliation with indigenous groups. Ottawa has started issuing construction permits for BC Hydro's Site C dam, over the objection of First Nations that have taken the government to court over the project. Charlie Angus, an NDP MP who's been quick to praise the Liberals on indigenous issues when he thought they deserved it, called the move a failed test for the Trudeau government.

Trudeau has been used to getting some of his most glowing coverage from news sources outside Canada. But in the U.K.'s Guardian newspaper, an article appeared that called his "lofty rhetoric" on First Nations a "simulation of justice."

The best remedy for all these ills is progress on these and other files. Promising was easy, consulting not much harder. Now comes deciding.

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When art imitates life

ANALYSIS

Brangelina started their breakup in By The Sea

Peter Howell
Torstar News Service

Just last year Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie played a couple at odds in By the Sea. CONTRIBUTED

News of the impending divorce of Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie may come as a shock for the suddenness of the announcement.

But it's hardly a surprise. Hollywood's most famous celebrity couple, together since 2004 but only married since August 2014, dropped giant hints about their troubled union in By the Sea, the movie released in 2015 that they made on their honeymoon.

Written and directed by Jolie, who also stars in it opposite Pitt, it's a film I called "a marital drama that may also double as cinematic confession" in my review last November.

Jolie insisted the film wasn't autobiographical, but that seemed disingenuous at the time, now doubly so in light of Tuesday's revelation of the "Brangelina" split.

To me it was as plain as the screen in front of your face that Pitt and Jolie were attempting to use their art to work out their personal issues.

Pitt plays Roland, a writer whose pen and sense of romance have both cooled. Jolie is Vanessa, who seems almost catatonic in her disaffection towards life and love. They barely speak to each other, and she won't even help him light his cigarette in the car scene that opens the movie. (Such a change from the bantering Mr. & Mrs. Smith, the 2005 comedy thriller where Pitt and Jolie also play a fractious married couple.)

Roland and Vanessa have been together 14 years, a little longer than Pitt and Jolie were. They've travelled to a seaside hotel in France (the film was actually shot on the Maltese island of Gozo) to see if they can relight the flames of amour and artistic inspiration.

Discovering a peephole in their wall, they get distracted spying on the athletic sexcapades of a young married couple, played by Mélanie Laurent and Melvil Poupaud, in the room next door. Roland and Vanessa watch with a mixture of guilt, regret and jealousy.

Most critics weren't kind to By the Sea, dismissing it as a vanity project. It registered just 34 per cent on the Rotten Tomatoes meter.

I saw value in the film — I rated it "good" at 2.5 stars out of 4 — and appreciated how Jolie and Pitt were sincerely trying to work things out in a place where they obviously feel so much at home: in front of a camera.

Beyond the strange dual voyeurism — Brad and Angie peeping at someone while inviting us to peep at them — I argued the film's deeper intent is illustrating the ebb and flow of marriage and the need to not just accept that reality, but to embrace it.

"Why not just love her?" a bartender named Michel (Niels Arestrup) advises Roland. The recently widowed Michel knows that the heart can rise above any wave.

Sadly, this part of the film turned out to be fiction.

CORRECTION NOTICE

The feature, "Love your Liver: Know Your Painkillers" on Sept. 20 stated the medication Robax contains acetaminophen. It contains ibuprofen. Robaxacet contains acetaminophen. Metro regrets the error.

Cracking the Colonel's code

FAST FOOD

Finger-lickin' quest to get to the bottom of a greasy mystery

Karon Liu
Torstar News Service

The 11 herbs and spices KFC uses in its fried chicken remain something of a deep-fried secret. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE/SUPPLIED

Area 51, The Lost City of Atlantis, Jack the Ripper, Stonehenge. All of these pale in comparison to the greatest mystery known to mankind: how to make KFC's chicken.

Sure, KFC isn't really the gold standard of fried chicken (an informal poll in the newsroom showed that Popeyes, Church's and Chick-N-Joy are the chain favourites) but the allure of the secret 11 herbs and spices that make up Colonel Sander's original recipe still remains since he started cooking for weary travellers at a Kentucky service station in 1930.

A recent alleged leak of the fried chicken recipe to the Chicago Tribune is the latest recipe claiming to be the real thing (or at least closest to the real thing).

American cookbook author Todd Wilbur made a career replicating fast food recipes and published his first book, Top Secret Recipes, in 1993, which contains his version of KFC's original recipe fried chicken. In 2009, another fast food sleuth Ron Douglas published America's Most Wanted Recipes with another version of the chicken. In a book, Colonel Sanders and the American Dream, late food writer Josh Ozersky wrote that Sanders commissioned Indiana-based spice company Marion-Kay to recreate his spice blend. The spice blend is still sold today under the name, though its exact ingredients aren't listed.

It's time to get to the bottom of this. I tested the recipe published in The Chicago Tribune, along with Wilbur and Douglas' recipe, with some adaptations.

The goal here isn't to make the best fried chicken, but to make KFC's chicken. However, there is one step missing from most of these copycat recipes: pressure frying.

The Colonel popularized using a modified pressure cooker to prepare chicken faster while keeping the skin crispy and the meat moist. KFC still does it today. That being said, it's not recommended to use an at-home pressure cooker to deep fry as the machines aren't designed to hold a lot of oil under pressure. At Right is the test and tasting notes from other recipes.

ALL IN THE OIL

Fried chicken tips:

- **Essential gear:** An oil/candy thermometer is an absolute must. They're relatively inexpensive and can be picked up at any kitchen store for about $15. They are also handy for melting sugar and making holiday confections.
- **What to do with the oil:** Frying oil can be reused multiple times. Let it cool down completely and strain out any leftover fried bits. Store in an airtight container away from heat or light. Never pour oil down the sink as it'll clog your pipes. Small amounts can be tossed in the Green Bins as they'll be absorbed by organic matter. Oil can also be poured into a sealed container and tossed into the trash.

KFC original recipe, as published in The Chicago Tribune

1 "Muted" is how our restaurant critic Amy Pataki described the taste. Other coworkers called it "bland" and "meh." The meat was juicy and the skin was crisp, but it was missing that salty, peppery kick as well as the golden wrinkly skin for which KFC is known. We also did a double-bread version in an attempt to up the saltiness, but it just made a comically large drumstick straight out of The Flintstones. Despite the amount of spice — three tablespoons of white pepper and a quarter cup (!) of paprika — it still tasted kind of blah, probably because the breading has two cups of flour, which may have drowned out the seasoning.

2 Ron Douglas' KFC Original Recipe Fried Chicken

Originally published in 2009's America's Most Wanted Recipes, Douglas' recipe for his version of KFC calls for a pressure fryer, which few people have at home so I deep fried it instead. The result doesn't really taste like KFC, and is somewhere between the recipe published in the Chicago Tribune and Wilbur's version. It's good, but missing the spicy, salty kick. Visually, it also came out darker than KFC's chicken.

3 Todd Wilbur's KFC Original Recipe, Baking Powder Variation

I made this recipe three times with various adaptations. The recipe tastes the closest to the original KFC recipe even though it was deep-fried not pressure-fried. Salty, juicy, a hint of that herbal spice, the flavours are pretty close. The biggest difference is the texture: KFC's skin is softer while this version is much crispier and more delicate. Most taste testers said this is the closest to KFC. Some liked it better. Wilbur's recipe calls for tellicherry pepper, a finer type of black pepper known for its fruity notes, from the Malabar region of India. I doubt the Colonel was using this. If you want that iconic salty, spicy umami bomb go to the Colonel. If you want a crispier version with a fresher herbal taste, make this at home.

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Pumpkin Spice Lattes are now as akin to fall as the leaves changing colours. With spices like cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg and clove, how can it not be healthy? The sauce is the culprit, as it contains sugar and condensed milk as the first ingredients. Top it off with whipped cream and that's no regular cup of java. Get a fall flavour more naturally with a Chai Tea Latte; it has similar spices, is lightly sweetened and is finished with steamed milk. You're saving half the calories, a fraction of the fat, and less sugar.

LIQUID ASSETS

Winemaking for millennials

While old-school wine snobs may cringe at the thought of the younger generation commandeering their favourite beverage, a recent report from the U.S.-based Wine Market Council noted that 42 per cent of all wine consumed south of the border last year was drunk by millennials.

Liquor boards across Canada acknowledge that sales are booming thanks to wine engaged, millennial-aged customers who, more than any other purchasing collective, are interested in the stories behind what they buy. They're package hounds to boot.

Australia's Casella Family Brands, the creators of Yellow Tail, is no slouch when it comes to making wine that people like to drink. Available coast to coast (when it debuts this week at Nova Scotia's annual Festival of Wines) Casella's 2014 Young Brute Red Blend ($17.99-$18.99), with its bold label and flavour profile to match, is fermented with millennials in mind.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Lucifer is in need of a good writer and editor

THE SHOW: Lucifer, Season 2, Episode 1 (CTV)
THE MOMENT: The sing-along

Lucifer. CONTRIBUTED

Near the end of this episode, Lucifer Morningstar (Tom Ellis) — yes, that Lucifer, escaped from Hell and running a nightclub in Los Angeles (!) — drives his car through the L.A. night. Music swells: a piano-bar version of Jimi Hendrix's All Along the Watchtower. Good god, is that Tom Jones singing? (Kids, ask your moms.)

The moody montage unfurls: Chloe Decker (Lauren German), the cop whom Lucifer assists, ponders a vial of Lucifer's blood. (He wants her to test it, to prove he's an angel.) Amenadiel (D.B. Woodside), an angel who wants Lucifer back in hell, sits on a mountaintop, pondering the lessening of his powers. Maze (Lesley-Ann Brandt), a demon who's trying to fit in on Earth, meets a woman at a nightclub.

Then we're in Lucifer's swanky pad, he's at his piano — lordy, he's the one who's singing! He's really belting it out! Suddenly it's a music video, all key lights and camera angles as he finishes the song.

This show is nuts. First of all, Lucifer has a last name? And it's "Morningstar?" Second, Hendrix??? Third, this 42-minute episode has about 10 storylines. Confession: I missed season one. But this episode is 42 minutes of HUH???

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Aston Martin DB11 convertible set to arrive in spring 2018

Durango still a great package

HANDOUT

REVIEW

This brute of an SUV offers pillow-soft handling

Stephen Elmer
AutoGuide.com

The Dodge Durango is based on a platform released in 2011. Needless to say, the Durango is getting long in the tooth, with a redesigned model expected to land in 2018. But how does the current model stand up against the modern competition?

The large overhaul that is due for this SUV will no doubt bring some benefits, but we can't help but feel like the Durango is already a great package.

First off, it can haul your entire family and all their stuff. Not only is there plenty of space for rear-seat passengers to stretch their legs, but access to those rear seats is also quite generous, making the climb into the back less cumbersome.

Driving the Durango really accentuates its big, soft attitude. Unlike what GM did with its full-size SUVs in trying to make them handle tighter, the Durango floats and rolls down the road, offering a pillow soft ride inside. Taking hard corners is certainly not confidence inspiring, but then again, a vehicle like this doesn't need to stay dinner plate flat through the twisties. What it needs to do is deliver top-notch comfort, and the Durango is spot on.

If inspiring driving dynamics are really your thing, you might want to look elsewhere for an SUV, especially considering how many great handling SUVs are out there these days. If big, boring and comfy is more your speed, the Durango is what you're looking for, though its style doesn't say "boring."

A fascia that says "I'm pissed off" keeps the Durango looking like a mean machine, especially when outfitted with the Blacktop package like our tester was.

While the top-trim Durango Citadel sports a proper luxury interior, our SXT base model still offers all the things that count. The seats in the Durango are nice and plush, while the dash and centre stack are a black plastic affair. While it may not win any style awards, the simplicity of the interior makes it easy to operate every function.

THE CHECKLIST | 2016 DODGE DURANGO SXT

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Mini racers with a conscience

IN BRIEF

All-wheel drive Challenger coming by year's end

Before they move over to a lighter platform, Dodge's muscle cars are in for a few changes, the largest of which is an all-wheel drive system for the Challenger. In 2018, both of Dodge's famous muscle cars will move over to FCA's new Giorgio platform.

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Formula 1 sold to media firm for $4.4 billion

U.S. company Liberty Media has agreed to purchase Formula 1 for a total of about $4.4 billion U.S. An 18.7 per cent stake in the F1 racing league will be held by Liberty Media immediately, while the full sale could be finished by early 2017. Liberty Media also owns the MLB's Atlanta Braves, a 53 per cent stake in Sirius XM Radio, a 26 per cent stake in Live Nation Entertainment and smaller stakes in other companies. STEPHEN ELMER/AUTOGUIDE.COM

THE FIREFLY

First electric car for kids

The Firefly is being touted as the world's first electric car specifically developed for five- to 10-year-olds. It comes from Young Driver Motor Cars Limited, a division of Young Driver. The company recruited a team of U.K. automotive experts, setting a goal to design and manufacture a properly engineered small electric car, rather than the toys available for kids under the age of five. According to Young Driver Motor Cars Limited, the Firefly handles and drives like a full-sized car and includes hydraulic disc brakes, rack and pinion steering, independent suspension, a tablet-based dash and an eye-catching body style designed by Chris Johnson, who has over 30 years experience designing for automakers like Land Rover, Jaguar, Ford and Volvo. Powered by two electric motors, the Firefly can reach a restricted top speed of 16 km/h and can be set to Junior or Experienced mode.

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What it's like to be in a self-driving car

TEST RIDE

Drives not unlike you when parents are in car

Sami Haj-Assaad
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Have you heard of the Ford GT?

It's a sexy, mid-engined supercar that went racing and won its class in the grueling 24 Hours of Le Mans endurance race.

While cars like this may be appealing to enthusiasts, the real future of the company is in autonomous driving. It's a big bet for the company and it's not the only one gambling on technology that seems plucked out of sci-fi. Not only are other automakers also trying to figure out self-driving cars, but the cleverest minds in computer hardware, software and artificial intelligence are working on it, too.

Ford has the same idea. The automaker has a goal of delivering a Level 4 self-driving car by 2021 for ride-sharing applications. In order to achieve Level 4 designation, the cars will feature no steering wheel or pedals.

> At one point, a pedestrian wanted the car to go first, but the car's lack of speech and body language meant that everyone in the car had to motion for the pedestrian to cross first.

Ford has a number of self-driving prototypes that we had a chance to test during a recent event at the automaker's Dearborn campus. They're just like any other Ford Fusion Hybrid you've seen before, but fitted with a number of compact sensors and packed full of advanced computers. They're also driving on public roads. While the sensors are a big part of the self-driving recipe, so are maps. These self-driving cars feature a detailed map that includes stop signs, speed limits, crosswalks, intersections and other static information.

A self driving Uber Ford Fusion drives down River Road on Pittsburgh's Northside. They're just like any other Ford Fusion Hybrid you've seen before, but fitted with a number of compact sensors and packed full of advanced computers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

My test ride around the Ford campus was great in terms of showing the capabilities of the self-driving system. But, to put it bluntly, it was boring. Fortunately, I had two Ford engineers who were great at explaining exactly what was going on.

The car drives like a very smooth but cautious driver, pretty much how I drive whenever my parents are in the car. It takes no risks when making a left-hand turn through an intersection. It carefully (and quickly) calculates how far away the oncoming car is and decides whether it will edge into the middle of the intersection to wait out the traffic and complete the turn, or wait for a bigger gap in traffic. The car I was in decided to wait the traffic out for a whole light signal cycle, something a human driver would never to.

It maintains the speed limit during the drive, coolly ignoring the Dodge Charger tailgating it. It notices pedestrians coming up to a stop sign intersection and stops to let them pass. Actually, at one point, a pedestrian wanted the car to go first, but the car's lack of speech and body language meant that everyone in the car had to motion for the pedestrian to cross first. Who knows what was going on in that pedestrian's head, and who knows if in 20 years that same interaction would be as quirky.

Interestingly, the car did have a slight hiccup during my ride. While driving through an empty road, the car suddenly applied the brakes and slowed down.

The engineers chuckled a bit as the car didn't come to a stop, but cautiously passed what it thought was an obstacle. It could have been a shadow, or maybe a pothole, but it was clear to everyone in the car that there wasn't anything dangerous on the road.

The engineers said this was the second time that the car had noticed something in this specific spot, and that they'll analyze the data.

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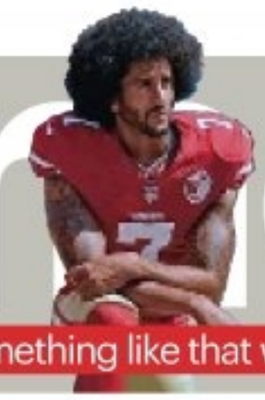

"If something like that were going to happen, you've proved my point": Colin Kaepernick says he's received death threats for his anthem protests

More bombastic than booming

Heading into this season, the Blue Jays' greatest strength was supposed to be their offence, which last year led the majors in runs scored by a nearly historic margin. They have still scored the seventh-most runs in the majors and the fourth-most in the American League, but the Jays' bats certainly haven't been the kind of all-world strength they were a year ago. So what happened? What's different?

1 Strikeouts

This is the most glaring difference from last season and probably the most obvious for fans. The Jays' whiff rate is not only up compared to last year, it's also up relative to the rest of the league. Last year, the Jays struck out in 18.5 per cent of their plate appearances, good for the fifth-lowest mark in the majors and nearly two points below the 20.4 per cent league average. This year, they have struck out in 22 per cent of the time, which is the eighth-highest mark in the majors and nearly one point above the 21.1 per cent league average.

2 Lack of timely hits

Last year, the Jays were the most successful team in baseball at hitting with runners in scoring position and in high-leverage situations. This season, the Jays have hit just .252 with runners in scoring position — which ranks as 21st in the majors — and while they have performed better than average in high-leverage situations, it has not been to the extent of last season.

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5 Double plays

Like the strikeout spike, this has also been painfully clear to Jays fans this season: they ground into a lot of double plays. Using Fangraphs' Weighted Grounded Into Double Play Runs (wGDP) — which calculates a number of runs above or below average a player accumulates based on their ability to avoid double plays — we can calculate how much this has cost them. Last year, the Jays sat around the league average, posting a 0.3 mark; this year they rank third-last with a minus-5.9 total.

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3 Baserunning

Base Running (BsR) is a statistic developed by Fangraphs that covers all aspects of baserunning, not just stolen bases, and credits teams with runs above or below average. Last season, the Jays earned 10.2 runs above average on the bases. This year, by contrast, their baserunning has cost them four runs, which ranks as 20th in the majors.

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4 Bottom of the order

The Jays also got a lot of production from the bottom of the order last season. This year, not so much. The seven through nine spots in the Jays' batting order have been the least productive of any in the majors this season, contributing at a rate 22 per cent below the league average.

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IN BRIEF

Cutler hobbled in Bears loss
The struggling Chicago Bears might have to get by without quarterback Jay Cutler.

Coach John Fox said Cutler has a sprained right thumb that does not appear to require surgery and would not rule him out for this weekend's game against the Dallas Cowboys.

Cutler topped a long list of players injured in Monday's 29-14 loss to Philadelphia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sprinter Gay to try bobsled
Olympic sprinter Tyson Gay is entered in this week's USA Bobsled National Push Championships, making him the latest track star to give sledding a try.

The push championships start Wednesday in Calgary.

Gay won a silver medal in the 4x100-metre relay at the 2012 Olympics, though was ultimately stripped of the medal after testing positive for steroids. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chelsea, Liverpool move on
Chelsea and Liverpool both advanced to the last 16 of the English League Cup on Tuesday — but took different routes.

Chelsea came from two goals down at Leicester before Cesc Fabregas' double clinched a 4-2 win in extra time. Liverpool topped Derby 3-0 on goals from Ragnar Klavan, Philippe Coutinho and Divock Origi scoring the goals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Toure on outs at Man City
Yaya Toure retired from the Ivory Coast on Tuesday — and won't be playing again for Manchester City unless his agent apologizes for his comments about coach Pep Guardiola.

Toure's representative, Dimitri Seluk, recently said Guardiola humiliated his client by leaving him out of City's squad for the Champions League, irritating Guardiola. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Henrik Lundqvist starred on Tuesday as Sweden improved to 2-0. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Finns wiped out by rivals

WORLD CUP OF HOCKEY

Sweden improves to 2-0 with star goalie back in crease

TUESDAY In Toronto

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SWEDEN	FINLAND

Henrik Lundqvist made 36 saves and Anton Stralman scored his first goal of the tournament as Sweden blanked Finland 2-0 in World Cup of Hockey action on Tuesday.

Loui Eriksson added an insurance goal into an empty Finnish net with 2.6 seconds remaining in the third.

With the win, Sweden (2-0-0) has a firm hold on the top seed in Group B while Finland (0-2-0) is in tough to advance to the semifinals.

Lundqvist, who missed Sweden's first game of the tournament on Sunday due to an illness, struggled in pre-tournament competition posting a 4.49 goals-against average and a .778 save percentage in two appearances. The 34-year-old was pulled from last Wednesday's game against Team Europe after allowing five goals on 22 shots in a 6-2 loss.

Tuukka Rask, starting in the Finnish goal over Pekka Rinne, stopped 27 shots in the loss.

Finland's Mikael Granlund had two excellent chances to tie the game just past the midway mark of the third, but Lundqvist got his right pad on the first shot and Granlund put his rebound off the post.

Things got physical in the third as Finland's Sami Lepisto caught Sweden's Mikael Backlund with a questionable, high hit just inside's Swedish blue line with a little over nine minutes to play. Lepisto was assessed a minor penalty for roughing, while Backlund received treatment on the Swedish bench but stayed in the game.

Sweden nearly added to its lead with eight minutes remaining in the third, but Eriksson put Henrik Sedin's feed right into the pads of Rask.

Finland's Patrik Laine had an excellent chance to tie the game 1-1 in the final minute of the second, but Lundqvist was able to get his glove on Laine's one-timer with 40 seconds remaining in the frame.

Sweden concludes the preliminary round on Wednesday against Team North America while Finland meets Russia on Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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RECIPE Corn and Zucchini Fritters

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Use fresh or frozen corn to pile these fritters into either a taco or you can use them as a side dish. We vote for taco!

Ready in 30 minutes
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Makes 14 silver dollar-sized cakes

Ingredients
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups frozen corn
- 1 carrot, grated
- 1 zucchini, grated
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced green onion, plus more for garnish
- 1/2 cup spelt flour
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 2 Tbsp grapeseed oil

Directions

1. In a medium-sized mixing bowl, whisk the eggs and corn together. Stir in the carrot, zucchini and green onion. Add the flour and salt and mix well.

2. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat and then drop heaping tablespoons of batter into skillet. Press down on the batter to form a pancake.

3. Cook the pancake until it's golden brown and then flip and cook on the other side.

4. Remove pancakes from the pan and place on paper towel. Serve with sour cream, a sprinkle of green onions and a side salad.

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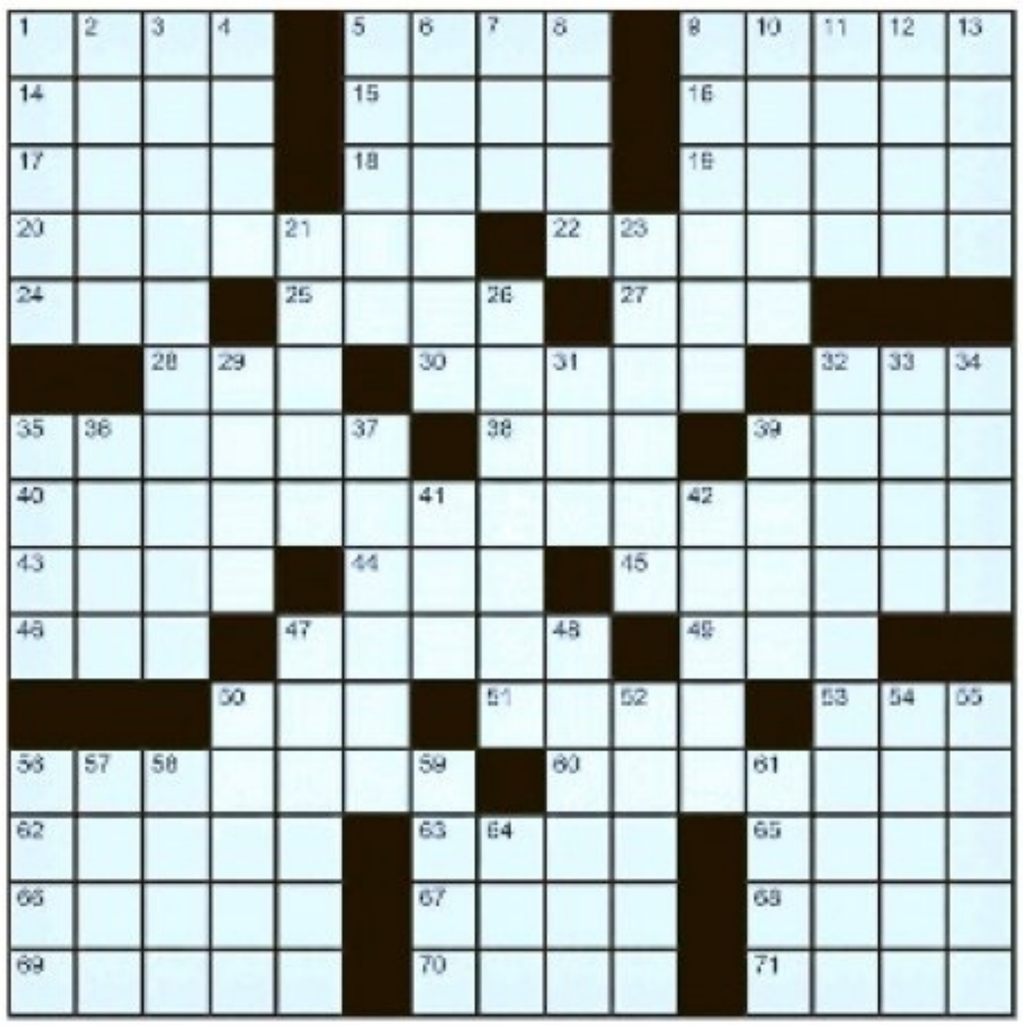

ACROSS
1. Geological flattop
5. Mr. Tamblyn of "West Side Story" (1961)
9. Comic legend Ms. Burnett
14. Reunion attendee
15. Call Question link
16. Lyric poem
17. Skipping _
18. Potato chips brand
19. Red Square's at-rest ruler
20. Robert Urich '80s series, "_: For Hire"
22. "New _ Is Sinking" by The Tragically Hip
24. _ Royal Highness
25. Religious tune
27. Flooring choice
28. 1966 Small Faces hit: "_-La-La-La-Lee"
30. _ eclipse
32. Evergreen tree
35. Centre Block's city
38. Curtain holder
39. _-de-camp
40. Arctic _ _ (Northern Canada rodents which hibernate)
43. Mr. Grey of Tea
44. 'Game' in Gaspe
45. Bird of Jove's baby
46. Middle
47. Post-game analysis
49. Agreement sign
50. Beak: French
51. _ mat
53. Final amt.
56. "What's your destination?" (Cabbie's query): 2 wds.
60. Clique
62. Countrified
63. Kind of shark
65. Hold on property
66. Comparable
67. _ _'Orleans, Quebec
68. Twirled
69. Speedy, fast-_
70. Head, in Hull
71. Catch a glimpse

DOWN
1. Liquidy low-lying land
2. Secretly wed
3. NBC's 'big box' workplace sitcom on which Canadian comic actor Mark McKinney plays the manager at Cloud 9
4. Sermonizer's sure!
5. Amber who won "Dancing with the Stars" in 2013
6. De-weaponizes
7. Farm enclosure
8. Average
9. Wine _
10. Take _ _ (Look at the present ahead of time)
11. Retail chain headquartered in Boucherville in Quebec
12. Norse deity
13. Mr. Dykstra's
21. Mr. Desman, Canadian singer
23. Rock tour gig
26. Ski resort in Banff since 1926
29. Cart along
31. Mary's newsroom boss
32. Excursions for students at museums, for instance: 2 wds.
33. Still
34. Take 15
35. Moulding style
36. Serving need
37. Intro to 'ive' (Noun describer)
39. Jason's craft
41. Dry, as wine
42. Rushed towards: 2 wds.
47. Staggered
48. Shirt's storage spot
50. Restrain on the road
52. Chuck Berry's "Johnny B. _"
54. Traffic standstill
55. Squiggy's sidekick
56. Gift _
57. _-hoop
58. Mr. Stoltz
59. Exclude
61. "So... what _ is new?"
64. Adam's _ (Water, colloquially)

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Think twice in all your discussions with others, because this is a confusing day. In fact, someone might be playing fast and loose with the truth. If you suspect someone is lying to you, you're right.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Avoid important discussions with bosses, parents and VIPs today. This evening, difficulties with a partner are likely. Fortunately, this is minor stuff.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Today the Moon is in your sign at odds with Neptune. This means it's easy to kid yourself about something. Likewise, it's easy for others to kid you.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Don't be discouraged if someone older or in a position of authority is critical of you. This is temporary. Tomorrow is a different day!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
In a group situation today, someone might squelch your plans, especially if your meeting is late in the day. You don't have to take this seriously. Just wait a day or two.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You are high-viz today. People notice you. Do not be so distracted that you are taken in by someone who is not honest. Be careful about what others tell you because it might not be true.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Avoid controversial subjects like politics, religion and racial issues today, because there's just too much confusion. Nothing will be resolved

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Postpone important financial decisions today, because you might not have the correct facts. It's possible someone will deceive you. Until you know for sure, do not act.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You have to go more than halfway when dealing with others today. Don't let someone older discourage you. Family discussions might not be entirely true.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Confusion at work might lead to feelings of discouragement this evening. Do as little as possible today. Wait until tomorrow to see which way the wind is blowing.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Romantic relationships might disappoint you today. Don't believe everything you hear. Late in the day, children might be an increased responsibility.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Family discussions are confusing today. An older family member might try to thwart your plans. Say as little as possible and postpone important decisions.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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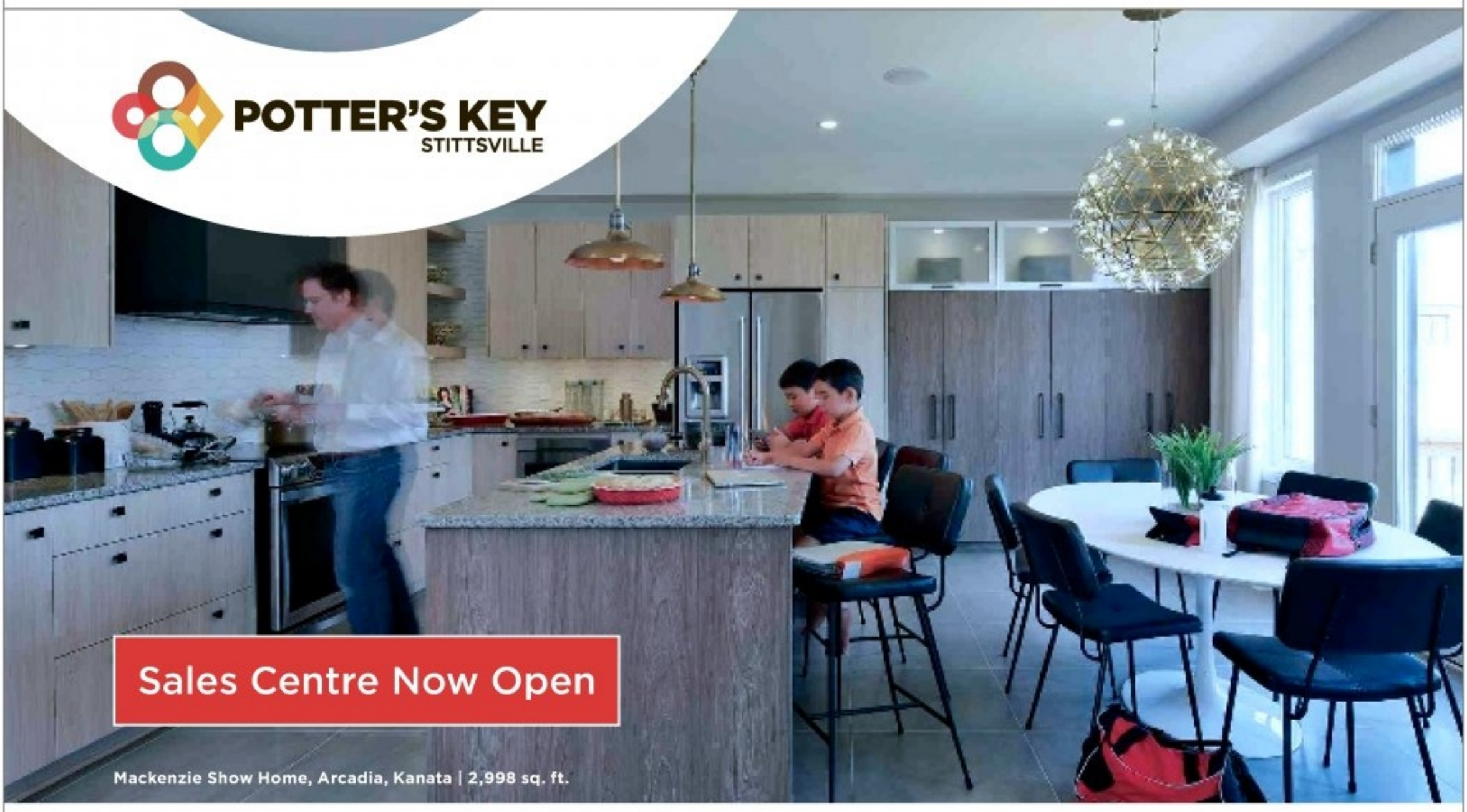

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